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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS/GAERC: DUTCH FIRM ON SERBIA ICTY
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REF: A. SECSTATE 30504

[1](#)B. FALLS-EUR/ERA EMAIL 3/27/08

Classified By: Political Officer Eric Falls for reasons 1.5(b) and 1.5(d)

[1](#)1. (C) On March 26 and 27, 2008 POLOFF delivered reftel points to Dutch MFA Deputy EU Correspondent Rochus Pronk as well MFA contacts on the Balkans, Middle East, Russia, and China. FM Verhagen gave Dutch views on the GAERC agenda in a letter to parliament (ref B). In a conversation on March 27, Pronk emphasized FM Verhagen's position that he will stand firmly against signing a Stabilization and Association Agreement with Serbia until after Serbia cooperates with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Verhagen reportedly told parliament, "the more people gang up on me the more I'll stand firm." At the same time, Verhagen will urge more people-to-people exchange programs with the Balkans and elsewhere.

[1](#)2. (U) MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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